

Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, December 3, 2015

1:00pm – 2:00pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2015 Meeting
- IV. Opening Remarks
- V. Unfinished Business
 - a. Special Population Data Request to Sheriff Gusman
- VI. New Business
 - a. Priorities for Criminal Justice System
 - i. Performance Measure Reporting
 - b. 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule
 - c. Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Jail Population Management Subcommittee
 - d. Grant Matters
 - i. Vote on FY15 Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) allocation in the amount of \$308,065
 - ii. Vote on FY15 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) allocation in the amount of \$151,116
 - iii. Vote on unallocated FY15 Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) funds for six-month extensions of previously approved allocations
- VII. Councilmember Updates
- VIII. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Sanford "Sandy" Krasnoff New Orleans

Criminal Justice Council Meeting

December 3, 2015 Minutes

On December 3, 2015, the Criminal Justice Council (CJCC) convened at 1:07pm in the 8th floor Homeland Security Conference Room in City Hall. Charles West called the roll. The following persons were present/absent:

Criminal Justice Councilmembers

Present during Roll Call:

Charles West
Chief Defender Derwyn Bunton
Chief Michael Harrison
Chief Judge Desiree Charbonnet
Chief Judge Robert Jones
Councilmember Stacey Head - Represented by designee
Carla Gendusa
Councilmember Susan Guidry
Frank Palestina
Glenn Holt
John Penny
Lakeasha Cooley
Leon Cannizzaro – Represented by designee Val Solino
Luceia LeDoux
Melanie Talia
Thelma French

Absent:

Andy Kopplin
Arthur Morrell
Chief Judge Benedict Willard –
Represented by designee Judge Tracey
Flemings-Davillier (Arrived later)
Chief Judge Candice Bates Anderson
(Arrived later)
Councilmember Jason Williams
(Arrived later)
David Kent
Dr. Jeffrey Rouse
Judge Calvin Johnson (Arrived later)
Rebecca Dietz
Sheriff Marlin Gusman

Office of Criminal Justice Coordination Staff

Present:

Charles West
Maria-Kay Chetta
Sarah Schirmer
Rodney Dejoie
George Lawrence
Tuan Brown
Melody Chang
Du Bois Winford

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Charles West called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. in the Homeland Security Conference Room on the 8th floor of City Hall.

Mr. West called roll of Councilmembers. 19 members were present, quorum was met.

Consideration and Approval of Minutes from September 15 Meeting

No corrections were requested to the September 15 meeting minutes.

John Penny motioned to approve minutes; Glenn Holt seconded.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Opening Remarks

Mr. West welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Councilmember Williams arrived.

Unfinished BusinessSpecial Population Data Request to Sheriff Gusman

Mr. West announced that the Sheriff's Office had not responded to the Council's request for data dated October 22, 2015 regarding the jail's special populations. Per the bylaws, failure to comply with requests from the Council for reports and data within the established time frame makes OPSO ineligible for grant funds reviewed and/or approved by the Council in 2016.

OPSO will be notified via a letter that references the bylaws.

Councilmember Guidry shared the final report of the Special Care Populations Working Group based on a May 21 snapshot of the jail population and which concludes that New Orleans does not need the Phase III facility. The report lays out where different populations can be housed in the Phase II building.

There were no questions or comments concerning the Special Populations Working Group Final Report.

Judge Candice Bates-Anderson arrived. Judge Calvin Johnson arrived.

New BusinessPriorities for Criminal Justice System*Performance Measure Reporting*

Mr. West presented a program description packet that will allow the Council to catalogue all programs and services offered by criminal and juvenile justice agencies. The Council reviewed a list of programs and identified the following to add: Veterans' Treatment Court, Community Coaches, Crossroads Diversion, Group Violence Reduction Strategy, and the Blueprint Project.

Mr. West asked the Council whether it wished to add any system-level performance measures. The Council suggested adding program completion rates and relapse/recidivism rates. There was a suggestion to define recidivism carefully so that all evaluations use an accurate and consistent definition of recidivism. There was also a suggestion to use the percentage of domestic violence cases prosecuted without the victim as a performance measure.

The purpose of the data questions is to provide a baseline understanding of the program which will lead to asking the right questions e.g. what are key factors of success?

2016 Regular Meeting Schedule

Mr. West proposed the following meeting dates for 2016: March 8, June 28, September 20, and December 6.

Jason Williams motioned to approve 2016 meeting dates; Judge Anderson seconded.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Subcommittee Reports

Jail Population Management Subcommittee

Mr. West announced that the Jail Population Management Subcommittee convened in September and voted to adopt the strategic plan. The Subcommittee will reconvene in late January to discuss the status of the initiatives and work through issues.

Grant Matters

Vote on FY15 Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) allocation in the amount of \$308,065

Mr. West invited applicants to the FY15 State Byrne JAG to give a brief presentation of their request(s) for funding. Applicants gave brief descriptions of their agency's funding proposal. Due to the large number of requests, OCJC staff recommended six proposals for funding in order to fund as many as possible.

The voting ballot included the six recommendations from the OCJC staff but did not include all of the proposal options which were emailed to the Council for review in advance of the meeting. The Council felt challenged in not having an understanding of what JAG funds are already being spent on which programs. Also, the Council lack detail about how each program identifies or screens for criminogenic needs and uses its resources.

Councilmembers discussed the process and made the following suggestions:

- Include every proposal option on the ballot next time
- Those who have opinions on the proposals can submit a summary for the Committee to consider in advance of the meeting.
- Hear all the proposals in today's meeting and Councilmembers will complete a scored template that has been provided by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE)

A public comment was made that all proposals need to be reviewed and scored to be in compliance with new federal regulations/JAG guidelines.

Councilmembers discussed the proposals and made the following comments:

- The Community Alternatives Program has a direct link to jail population reduction because services can support people in appearing regularly for court
 - The GROWW program reaches out to girls and very few programs do that
- (Charles West leaves the meeting. Luceia LeDoux facilitates the remainder of the meeting.)*
- The State funded the Orleans Public Defenders less this year; there was discussion at budget hearings to use grants to supplement the office's lacking resources
 - Without funding, Court Intervention Services will have to lay off two case managers and cease the DV monitoring court program.

MOTION to adopt JAG recommendation outlined in ballot; Mr. Penny seconded.

All in favor – no nays – four abstentions.

Vote on FY15 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) allocation in the amount of \$151,116

The New Orleans Police Department and Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office gave brief presentations on their request.

Derwyn Bunton motioned to adopt JAG recommendations outlined in ballot; Chief Harrison seconded.

All in favor – no nay – no abstentions.

Vote on unallocated FY15 Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) funds for six-month extensions of previously approved allocations

There was a comment that the Vietnamese in Economic Training needs to be written in to the ballot with the requested amount.

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt VOCA extensions for the programs on the ballot to 18 months; Mr. Holt seconded.

There was a comment from the public that the Children's Bureau was initially approved for 12 months only. Paulette Carter requested that the Council consider adding Children's Bureau to the ballot to increase their allocation to cover 18 months of expenses, as required by LCLE.

Judge Anderson motioned to amend recommendations in ballot to include Children's Bureau request for total 18 month amount of \$237,093 and then adopt VOCA extensions; Mr. Penny seconded.

All in favor – no nays – one abstention.

Councilmember Updates

There were no Councilmember updates.

Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Ms. Schirmer requested Councilmembers to fill out LCLE's Conflict of Interest form.

Mr. Holt motioned to adjourn meeting; Councilmember Guidry seconded.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.